IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Migaku TAKAHASHI et al.

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MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF AND MAGNETIC RECORDING DEVICE

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-6, 9-10, 12 and 16-17 as follows:

--3. (Amended) A magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said metal underlayer incorporates an underfilm of either one of Cr and a Cr alloy, and said Cr alloy also incorporates Mo and/or W.

4. (Amended) A magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said metal underlayer incorporates an underfilm of either one of Cr and a Cr alloy, and said Cr alloy incorporates one, or two or more elements selected from a group consisting of V, Nb, Hf, Zr, Ti, Mn, Ta, Ru, Re, Os, Ir, Rh, Pd, Pt, P, B, Si, Ge, N and O.

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